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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

MAYER ET AL.

Examiner

Lee Y Quach

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 8, 10-13 and 15-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 8, 10-13 and 15-29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 30-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 30 to 34 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable drawing figure 7 of Gatti et al. in view of drawing figure 3 of Gatti et al.

Gatti et al. disclose an elongated translucent envelope (62) including a light transmissive portion (60), a flexible power cord (72) running along a length of the envelope, and a light source (68) attached to the power cord and facing perpendicular to a direction in which the light transmissive portion runs with the exception of having the light source comprised of a light emitting diode and a reflector. However, note that other embodiment of Gatti et al. shows a reflector (42) positioned in relation to the light source such that light source faces the reflector (note that the surrounding side of the light source is facing the reflector) and the light emitted from the light source is directed from the reflector toward the light transmissive portion.

Note that it is well known that incandescent, fluorescent and light emitting diode light sources are interchangeable and/or can also be used in combination. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to which the subject matter pertains to use the light emitting diode in place of the light source of Gatti et al. to not only enhance reliability and longevity of the light sources but also to reduce power consumption. It would have also been obvious to one skilled in the art to provide Gatti et al. with a reflector positioned in relation with the light source, as shown by other embodiment of Gatti et al., so that light emitted from the light source toward the light transmissive portion can be enhanced by the directivity of the reflector.

4. Claims 30, 32, 33 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andeweg.

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Andeweg discloses an elongated translucent envelope (230) including a translucent light transmissive portion (231), a flexible power cord (233), a light source (235) attached to the power cord and facing perpendicular to a direction in which the light transmissive portion runs, and a reflector (236) positioned in relation to the light source such that the light source faces the reflector (surrounding side of the lamp is facing the reflector) and the light emitted from the light source is directed from the reflector toward the light transmissive portion with the exception of having the light source comprised of a light emitting diode. Note that it is well known that incandescent, fluorescent and light emitting diode light sources are interchangeable and/or can also be used in combination. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to which the subject matter pertains to use the light emitting diode in place of the light source of Andeweg to not only enhance reliability and longevity of the light sources but also to reduce power consumption.

5. Claims 1 to 3, 8, 10 to 13, and 15 to 29 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Y Quach Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2373. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the customer service 703-308-2733.

Y. Q.
March 16, 2006



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